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- 1. U.S. Patent No. 5,870,549, issued February 9, 1999 to Bobo, II.
- 2. European Patent Application No. 0 845 894 A2, published June 3, 1998.
- 3. WO 98/58332, published December 23, 1998.
- 4. European Patent Application No. 1 014 663 A2, published June 28, 2000.

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